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Extrabudgetary project

**Increasing visibility and participation of countries
at the joint 77th Session of the UNECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry
and the 40th Session of the FAO European Forestry Commission**

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM

Project title: Increasing visibility and participation of countries at the joint 77th Session of the UNECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the 40th Session of the FAO European Forestry Commission		
Expected timing/ duration: August – December 2019		
Objective and brief summary of the project: The objective of the project is to increase visibility of outcomes of the 77th Session of the UNECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the 40th Session of the FAO European Forestry Commission (4-7 November 2019, Geneva, Switzerland). The project will increase participation of the UNECE member States, in particular from the Caucasus and Central Asia at the Joint Session. In addition, the project will signal the overall importance of forests in the circular economy, which is this year’s theme for the Joint Session and the 5th European Forest Week (4-8 November 2019). The objective of the project will be achieved by implementing the following activities: A1.1. Organization of Joint Session and 5th European Forest Week with input from experts and consultants; A1.2. Providing follow-up support on the outcomes of the Joint Session (communication with the stakeholders etc); A2.1. Travel of participants to the Joint Session from the UNECE member States (in particular from the Caucasus and Central Asia).		
Expected results of the project: EA1. Increased awareness and visibility of the work of the UNECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the FAO European Forest Commission among national and international stakeholders; EA2. Increased participation of UNECE member States, and their improved understanding on, the role of sustainable forest management in wider discussions on circular economy.		
Target group and beneficiaries of the project: Beneficiary countries are all UNECE member States. Target audience will include senior government officials from relevant forestry and environment ministries, national experts, representatives from the private sector, civil society and the general public at large.		
Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: The project is directly linked to the Expected accomplishment (a) “Improved monitoring and assessment of the forest sector, to support sustainable forest management”, and (b) “Increased national capacity of countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia and South-East Europe in sustainable forest management” of the Subprogramme 7 “Forestry and timber” of the UNECE Strategic framework for 2018-2019. The project is part of the implementation of the Warsaw Integrated Programme of Work (ECE/TIM/2017/2). In particular, as stated in paragraph 48 of the mentioned document: “A broader engagement by member States and regional economic integration organizations should be sought. In particular, resources should be identified to finance the participation of delegates from eligible countries with economies in transition.”		
Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): 1 month RB staff/P5		
Estimated extra budgetary resources:		
Donor	Amount (US\$)	
Switzerland	30,510	
Project Manager: Paola Deda 11.06.2019	Section/Division: ECE/FAO Forestry and Timber Section/ Forests, Land and Housing Division	
Cleared by Programme Management Unit: Catherine Haswell Chief 11.06.2019	Approved by EXCOM¹	08.07.2019

¹ See paragraph 31 (a) of Commission decision A(65).

Annex
Results-based budget for the extra-budgetary project

Expected Accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US\$)
EA1. Increase visibility and awareness of the work of the UNECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the FAO European Forest Commission among national and international stakeholders	A1.1. Organisation of Joint Session and 5 th European Forest Week 1 international consultant to provide organisational support x 1 month x \$3,500	7,000 3,500
	A.1.2. Providing follow-up support on the outcomes of the Joint Session; 1 international consultant to provide substantive support x 1 month x \$3,500	3,500
EA2. Increase participation of eligible UNECE member States and their improved understanding on the role of sustainable forest management	A2.1. Travel of participants to the Joint Session (in particular from the Caucasus and Central Asia) 8 participants x \$2,500	20,000
Budget summary		27,000
13% of Programme Support Costs		3,510
Total		30,510